

VERSE 4

This Gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill. [repeat CHORUS]

Congregational Singing: "Joy to the World!" Hymn 270

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VERSE 1

Joy to the world! the LORD is come! Let earth receive her king!
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

VERSE 2

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

VERSE 4

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Congregational Singing: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" Hymn 271

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VERSE 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, LORD of light.
Angels lifting praise before You sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby – Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus praise You for Your gift of love.

VERSE 2

All Your works declare Your glory. All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the infant, trumpets sound and
anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted,
Joined in wonder, love, and praise.

Closing Thoughts and Benediction

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WORSHIP SERVICE OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Welcome

Ken Hunt

Call to Worship

Pastor Kevin Morris

Congregational Singing: "The First Noel" Hymn 265

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VERSE 1

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

REFRAIN

Noel, noel, noel, noel. Born is the King of Israel.

VERSE 6

Then let us all, with one accord,
Sing praises to our heav'n-ly Lord
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

[sing REFRAIN]

Congregational Singing: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" Grace Hymn 265.

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VERSE 1

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

VERSE 2

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

VERSE 3

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

VERSE 4

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor does He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

Scripture Reading – Matthew 1:17 - 2:6

Jason Fiedler

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kevin Morris

Offertory — *Congregational Singing: "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

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VERSE 1

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

REFRAIN

Glo — ri — a in excelsis Deo.
Glo — ri — a in excelsis Deo.

TRANSLATION:

Glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God in the highest.

VERSE 2

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

VERSE 3

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

VERSE 4

See within a manger laid – Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With us sing our Savior's birth.

[sing REFRAIN]

Message

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

BEHOLD YOUR GOD —

WHO BRINGS JOY FROM DESPAIR AND DARKNESS

Isaiah 7

1. OUR RESPONSE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LIFE
REVEAL OUR SOUL – FAITHFUL OR FEARFUL (1-2, 5, 6)
» *Example:* Ahaz
» *Example:* David
2. THE FEARS OF LIFE SHOULD BE CONFRONTED BY
GOD'S DECREES (3-9)
» Men should be challenged to be
» careful
» quiet
» courageous
» accepting the truth of God's word by faith
3. THE DECREES OF GOD ARE FILLED WITH MERCY
(10-16)
» God's mercy surpasses the effects of man's total depravity
» God is merciful to speak again into men's lives (10)
» God encourages opportunities for belief (11)
» Ahaz's response keeps himself as the center of focus (12)
» God is not limited by man's faithlessness (13)
» God provides a "sign," an opportunity to believe
(14a)
» God demonstrates a unique act (vv 14b-16)

Congregational Singing: "How Great Our Joy!" Hymn 269

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VERSE 1

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

CHORUS

How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the LORD in heav'n on high!
Praise we the LORD in heav'n on high!

VERSE 2

There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a Child today.

VERSE 3

There shall the Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all. [repeat CHORUS]